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## GENERAL

1. Canadian attitude on policing of Palestine--The US Military Attache in Ottawa has been "reliably" informed that Prime Minister Mackenzie King has declared that "Canada will not send Canadian troops to Palestine." The MA also reports that the Canadian Chief of Staff has ridiculed the effectiveness of a joint force composed of troops from Canada, Brazil, and similar states.

(CIA Comment: Canadian refusal to endorse the partition of Palestine by force might become a determining factor in the Security Council's position regarding such enforcement. Five other members of the Security Council--Argentina, China, Colombia, Syria, and the UK--have already indicated their reluctance to endorse the partition plan.)

## EUROPE

2. FRANCE: German disarmament question to be reviewed--The Department of State has informed the French Government that the US does not consider as any longer applicable the four-power treaty on German demilitarization which was proposed by former Secretary Byrnes, and that the US is accordingly reviewing the whole question. In connection with current Anglo-French-Benelux discussions regarding European security, the Department expressed the views that the question of European security should be handled primarily on European initiative but that a Dunkirk-type treaty directed exclusively against Germany is not the best approach.

US Ambassador Caffery reports from Paris that Foreign Minister Bidault has expressed a general agreement with the

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US position but hopes that the coming talks on Germany will include "something" to take the place of the four-power treaty. Caffery further reports that Aidun has told him that discussions for a western union are in a "confused state" and that both the UK and France are insisting on a modernized Dunkirk pact which the Benelux countries do not want.

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